

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 11/7/13

PRESENT: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Janice Pare, Sue Stamps, Ellen Callaway, Secretary Pete Howard

COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Ref 1): Charlotte provided a table and chart showing the tonnage for trash, recycling and yard waste for FY 08 through FY 14. In the case of FY 14 the tonnage figures are projected by replacing the FY 13 figures with FY 14 figures as they become available. Available so far are Jul through Sep. The Oct figures are at DPW being validated. Charlotte will apply for a DEP grant (SMRF) that will pay for equipment to facilitate recycling at Town fields including Peirce Field at AHS. She has found the Athletic Director to be very supportive. Charlotte has spent a lot of time getting lunch room recycling of bottles and cans started at Ottoson MS. She reported that the 6th & 7th grades have good results. The 8th grade is less familiar with the routine. Her next project is to start lunch room recycling at AHS using a similar model.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY PLANNING 11/16 So far 11 people have signed up. 12 are desired - 6/shift. There will be a new ground plan. Charlotte would like to have volunteers at the shredder (2), Styrofoam, and at the donation sorting tables. She would like to have a runner at the end of the CRT line to help avoid asking cars to go around again. The flyer is out & posted. Gordon has requested police traffic direction.

BUSINESS RECYCLING: The BoH will include with the license renewal letter to the haulers a leaflet from the DEP explaining the state requirement to offer recycling. Sue, Juli & Janice will meet w/ CoC on 11/20 to discuss a questionnaire they have drafted that we would like all the businesses to get. The BoH will get the questionnaire to all restaurants with their license renewal notices. The program may be called "Arlington Businesses Recycle".

KITCHEN WASTE COMPOSTING: Charlotte would like to start some kind of food waste composting program next fall. We agreed to hold our letter to the Town manager for discussion at the Jan meeting.

CENSUS SURVEY RECYCLING QUESTIONS: Charlotte discussed the rationale for the questions that DPW requested be included in the annual survey. The questions are intended to help DPW plan on-going programs. She did not provide copies of the questions for the ARC. In the judgment of the DPW, the questions used in 2009, the last time recycling questions were asked, are obsolete because of changes to solid waste and recycling collection as part of the JRM contract.

NEW BUSINESS

Ellen showed (smart phone) a food waste composting photo she has taken as part of her photo project to illustrate recycling concepts.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (Not addressed above)

Collection Bin map

ARC Membership

Survey of residents on ARC mailing list

MA-DEP Solid Waste Plan Letter to Governor - Follow-up w/ other communities

Advocate/Patch Recycling Promotion Articles

Volunteer Opportunities

Plastic film recycling

Bulk item collection

Mow leaves into lawn.

Maybe have a compost display in front of DPW.

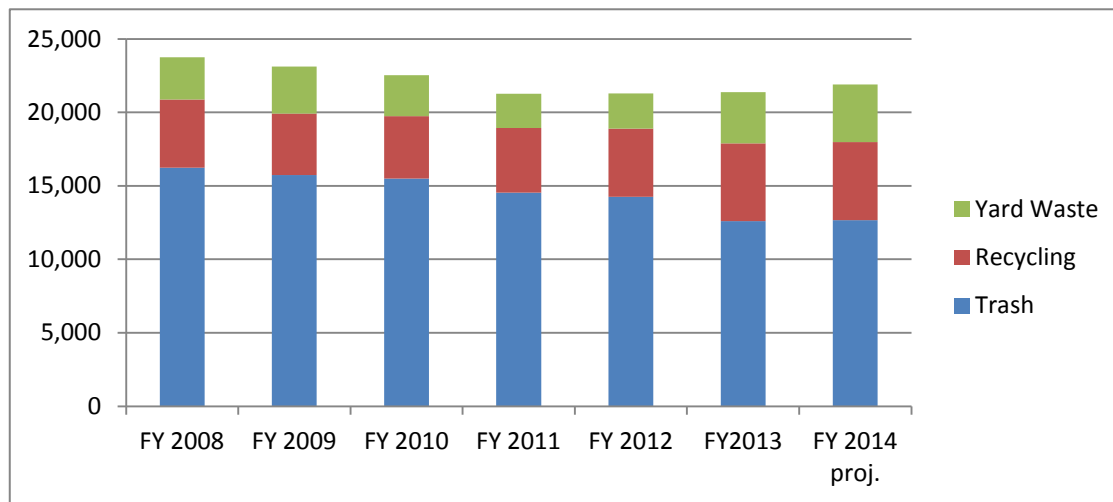
FUTURE MEETINGS: Dec 5 continuing on 1st Thursday during following months

Ref 1 Recycle Coordinator's Report

**Arlington Recycling Committee
Recycling Coordinator Report
November 7, 2013**

Arlington Municipal Solid Waste Tonnage by Waste
Category

	Trash	Recycling	Yard Waste
FY 2008	16,232	4,639	2,881
FY 2009	15,740	4,165	3,216
FY 2010	15,493	4,244	2,799
FY 2011	14,538	4,395	2,332
FY 2012	14,248	4,652	2,381
FY 2013	12,603	5,278	3,503
FY 2014 proj.	12,672	5,311	3,921



MSW tons per household (22,607 hhds)	Current tons per household	Mass MSW Master Plan Goals	Master plan tonnage goals	Per hh in tons
FY 2008	0.72	Arlington's	16,232 tons	0.72
FY 2012	0.63	30% reduction by 2020	10,875 tons	0.48
FY 2013	0.55	50% reduction by 2050	8,116 tons	0.36

DPW Updates

SMRF grant: \$1500 for public space recycling
Advocate articles

Community Collection Day, November 16, 2013

Minuteman Food Project will donate snacks
A few changes to layout, additional staff member
CCD video by Glenn Koenig

Requests for funding

School composting programs

ARC Expense Report

Date	Purchase	Cost (projected)	Balance
1-Jul-13	Starting balance		\$ 3,000.00
16-Nov-12	CCD beverages	30	
1-Mar-14	Trashformation prizes	150	
1-May-14	CCD beverages	30	
Mar-14	discount on New Age composters		